

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



Shall We Gather at the River . . .

The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

10:55 A.M.

Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.

Please use this as a time of quiet reflection and prayer,

and to record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew, and pass it to others.

To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

† – Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

Christ be with you ... and also with you!

Acts 16:9-15 reminds us that the Spirit of God is never limited by traditional sources of power in order to bring about change and transformation. Lydia is a listener who welcomes the gospel's message and the transforming power of the Spirit that brings Paul to her. Lydia's baptism christens mutuality of ministry. Waters of life wash through all the readings today; inviting love, making persons whole, and imparting holy presence and peace. When we welcome others into our homes in God's name, as Lydia did in the reading from Acts, we are welcoming God.

Voluntary

David Weigle

He Giveth More Grace/No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus

arranged by Mark Hayes

†Call to Worship

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Come into the presence of the One who is gracious to us, blesses us, and whose face shines upon us.

We gather at the river of the water of life.

Come into this sacred space and join your voices with peoples of all nations in praise of the One who shows us the way of peace.

We gather at the river of the water of life.

Come into the presence of the One where night is as day and fear is driven out by God's love.

We gather at the river of the water of life.

Come and listen for the Spirit's voice, calling us to live with courage and faithfulness to the vision of God's justice.

We gather at the river of the water of life, trusting the One who is our light and our hope.

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Gracious God, Welcoming Christ, Empowering Spirit: stir the waters by which we gather. In the ways you receive us, teach us how to receive others. In the grace with which you create a home for us, may we be bold to practice hospitality. Amen.

†Hymn 269

Congregation

We All Are One in Mission — COMPLAINER

Scripture Lesson

Mike Gill

Acts 16:9-15 (Pew Bible page 900 of the New Testament)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Time of Silent Reflection

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

*Children through kindergarten are invited to Godly Play,
1st through 4th grade to Young Theologians.
You may collect your children in the Children's Building following the service.*

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Celebrate Sister Lydia's Vision — MESSAGE

Call to Confession

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

All who keep God's word know God's love and live by it. But obedience is not easy amid all the world's distractions, and the gift of love is not incorporated into our lives without effort. There is gap between intention and reality, a chasm we create between ourselves and God. That is why we observe a time of confession.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your word in the torrent of words that we hear and read every day. Our hearts are troubled amid the conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change lest it require more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal us; help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your

love. Let us feel it deep within, that we may reflect that love to all we meet. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Jesus invites us to stand, to feel our own strength, to understand our own power, to sense the changes that love is accomplishing within us and among us. The Holy Spirit has come to teach us all that we need in order to be faithful.

We are loving servants of God, who claims us and sends us on a journey of peace. Praise God, who has blessed and forgiven us.

Hymn 60

Congregation

Like a River Glorious — WYE VALLEY

Prayers of the People

Harry Wooten & Congregation

Holy one through the lives of strong women who have listened to your spirit leading us toward a world of justice and equity for all, a light has been shone on the path we too must follow.

We need no light of lamp or sun for God lights the way.

Through the example of those who are unbound by social norms that exclude and who reject long-held patterns of privilege, a light has been shone on the path we too must follow.

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Through the lives of seniors who care for the children of all nations as they would their own grandchildren, a light has been shone on the path we too must follow.

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Through the example of children and youth who treat elders with respect, as those filled with wisdom's potential, a light has been shone on the path we too must follow.

We need no light of lamp or sun for God lights the way.

Through all who listen to your spirit, challenging us, calling us, forming us into communities of love and compassion, a light has been shone on the path we too must follow.

We need no light of lamp or sun for God lights the way.

Anthem

Choir

Shall We Gather at the River — arranged by Earlene Rentz

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Shall We Gather at the River ”

†Hymn of Commitment 481

Congregation

Go to the World! — SINE NOMINE

Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess or reaffirm your faith or identify with this fellowship. A minister will greet and receive you.

Offertory Prayer

Martha Hatcher

Offertory

David Weigle

Higher Ground — arranged by Mark Hayes

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

Go forth knowing the spirit entrusts us with a vision of God's love for all peoples.

We go prepared to hear those whose voices are often ignored.

May God's blessings for the nations and the earth continue to increase through your faithfulness.

We have been renewed by the waters of life. Our hearts are open. We will share the peace we have received.

Go forth eager to listen, knowing the power that is at work in you.

We praise the God of justice, who offers healing to all the nations. We join the chorus of all those who live believing a new day is coming when the light of God's love will be known by all.

Amen.

Alleluia!

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

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Worship Leaders

Mike Gill

Mike joined Royal Lane in 1999 shortly after he started dating his future wife, Lisa. He was baptized at Royal Lane in 2008. He currently serves on the education, technology, publicity/outreach and ushering committees and serves as the church webmaster. Mike and Lisa have one child, Carson, born in 2005.

Martha Hatcher

Martha was born and raised in Bryan, Texas and graduated from UT, Austin. She owned an alteration shop in Dallas for thirty-five years and still does lots of sewing. Martha has been a member of RLBC for almost twenty-nine years. In those years she has served in many capacities, but the one that means the most to her is singing in the choir.

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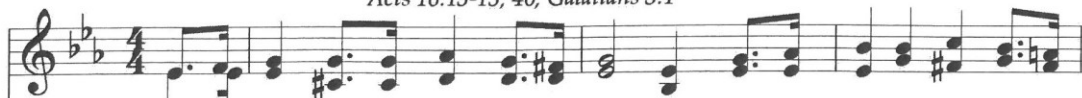
Hymn Notes

Celebrate Sister Lydia's Vision

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Celebrate Sister Lydia's Vision

Acts 16:13-15, 40; Galatians 5:1



1. Cel - e - brate Sis - ter Lyd - i - a's vi - sion; she ful - fills her life - giv - ing
2. Ev - ery race, ev - ery gen - der is wel - come, all af - firmed in Lyd - i - a's
3. We will join Sis - ter Lyd - i - a's mis - sion, form - ing cir - cles, o - pen and



call; she fol - lows So - phi - a Wis - dom, cre - at - ing a place for
home, first church to be formed in Eu - rope, dis - ci - ples who spread sha -
free; as e - qual cre - a - tive part - ners, we birth new com - mu - ni -



all, cre - at - ing a place for all.
lom, dis - ci - ples who spread sha - lom.
ty, we birth new com - mu - ni - ty.



All have free - dom to blos - som ful - ly in a cir - cle of hope and peace;



the Good News reach - es to ev - ery - one, as jus - tice and love in - crease.



Study for Wednesday Evening
Bible Study with Mike Gregg
Luke 5:1-39
Jesus Calls the First Disciples, Healings, and Fasting

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

For the Children!

Children's bulletins are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12.
Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe environment, that supplement today's scripture at games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Child Protection Training

Child Protection Training will be held in Vickrey Hall on Sunday, June 9th, from 12:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. All adults planning to work with youth and children in 2019 need to attend. Any youth planning to help with VBS or other children's activities need to attend as well. Lunch will be provided.

Sign up today at SignUpGenius – <https://tinyurl.com/yxvkgwa4>





Dallas Pride 2019 – Saturday, June 1, 2019

11:00 am – 10:00 pm

Fair Park – 1121 First Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210

Royal Lane Baptist Church will be hosting two booths at this year's Dallas Pride Festival. Visit our booths at the Music Festival and in the Family Pride Zone on Saturday, June 1, at Fair Park.

Volunteers are needed from 12:00 – 4:00 pm to set up booths on Friday, May 31, and to greet visitors at our booths through the day on Saturday, June 1.

Sign up at SignUpGenius – <https://bit.ly/2VQ0AX6>





Vacation Bible School
July 8 – 12, 2019
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Children from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6 are invited to discover the wonder of God's universe at this year's Vacation Bible School.

Register online at <https://bit.ly/2Wletfc>



Have you recently joined or are you thinking about becoming a member of Royal Lane?
Do you want to know more about how you can connect and partner with the church?

Royal Welcome Class for New Members and Visitors

June 2
9:45 am – Vickrey Hall
June 9 – 23
9:45 am — Library
New Member Breakfast – June 30
9:45 am – Vickrey Hall

Schedule for the Week

- Monday** **May 27 – Memorial Day**
Church Office closed
- Wednesday** **May 29**
- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
 - 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Cake
 - 6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
 - 6:15 pm Children’s Choir/Missions — Children’s Building
 - 6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg— Vickrey Hall
Luke 5:1-39, Jesus Calls the First Disciples, Healings, and Fasting
 - 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Friday** **May 31**
- 12:00 pm Dallas Pride Booth Set-up – Volunteers Needed
Fair Park (12:00 – 4:00 pm)
- Saturday** **June 1**
- 9:00 am Hope Supply — Missions Project
10480 Shady Trail, Suite 104, Dallas TX 75220
 - 11:00 am Dallas Pride Festival 2019 — Fair Park (11:00 am – 10:00 pm)
- Sunday** **June 2 – Ascension Sunday / Graduate Recognition Sunday**
- 9:00 am Equity in Access — Library
 - 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
 - 9:45 am Royal Welcome — Vickrey Hall
 - 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
 - 10:55 am Morning Worship – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary
Following Worship – Graduate Recognition Reception — Library
 - 12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206

The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

Prayer Cards

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests. These may be placed in the offering plate or handed to a minister or deacon of the week.

Deacons on Call

Nancy Ferrell & Jeff Hammett

Safety Shepherd – JJ Berrier

Godly Play

Sandy Washington & Jack Mullinax

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: necessary communication and internet services are available.

April 2019 Financials

	YTD Actual	YTD Adjusted*
Revenues	\$ 276,286	\$ 228,554
Expenses	\$ 239,987	\$ 239,987
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 36,299	(\$ 11,493)

*One-Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

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The Scripture this morning is Acts 16:9-15, which may be found on page 900 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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